

THE WAR FOR THE UNION.

The Senate Committee on the Tax Bill

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AN EMANCIPATION JUBILEE.

INTELLIGENCE FROM MEXICO.

District of Columbia Slavery Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 18, 1862.

OFFICIAL WAR BULLETIN.

The following order has been issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, AMB'G'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, April 18, 1862.

In the present condition of military operations at Yorktown, no passes can be given to persons not immediately connected with the troops in a military capacity. The sick and wounded will be amply provided for by the Government, and their friends cannot be allowed to visit them while the above prohibition is in force.

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

THE TAX BILL.

The Finance Committee of the Senate have finished the reading of the Tax bill, and meet to-morrow to talk over the amendments suggested by interested parties. As yet, no action whatever has been taken. Whether any radical change will be made is, therefore, of course, purely a matter of speculation; but the better opinion, in both the Finance and Ways and Means Committees, seems to be that the bill will be reported substantially in the form in which it passed the House. A leading member of the Ways and Means Committee said, to-day, that he felt confident that the general principles of the House bill would remain unaltered. On the same authority we are assured that the new Tariff bill will not be referred to the House until the Senate has acted finally on the Tax bill.

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It is said on the authority of intercepted letters from Richmond that several editors of Rebel newspapers have been hung for publishing intelligence which was contraband of war.

AGENTS TO RECEIVE PAY OF SOLDIERS.

A general order from the Adjutant-General's office directs paymasters to recognize agents which States may, under certain circumstances, appoint to receive soldiers' pay.

ACCIDENT TO GEN. BLENKER.

A rumor, which the War Department has not yet had opportunity to disprove or verify, asserts that Gen. Blenker has been seriously injured by a fall from his horse. It is not true that his command has been assigned to Gen. Rosecrans. The report to effect probably arose from the fact that that officer is at present stationed not far from Gen. Blenker's Division.

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

Sick and wounded soldiers, going home on furlough, are entitled to transportation, but the cost must be deducted from their pay.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL.

Doubts are expressed whether the Pacific Railroad bill, which the House has postponed for one week, will not be laid aside till next session.

NEGRO JUBILEE.

The negroes of the District are having a week of jubilee over the Emancipation bill. A meeting was held all day in their church, near the south wing of the Capitol, to-day.

THE TRAINS TO MANASSAS.

Superintendent McCollum advertises that no passenger train will be run from Washington or Alexandria to Manassas until further notice.

GENS. FREMONT AND McDOWELL.

Gen. Fremont will take the field in person next week. Gen. McDowell was in town yesterday.

FROM MEXICO.

Official advices from Mexico to the 29th ult. have been received. There is little to add to what has been published. The tenor of the news is regarded as the whole not so bad for Mexico as was anticipated.

Robles was shot because he had agreed to act as Commissioner to Europe in behalf of an insignificant fraction of the population who desire to establish a monarchy, and working with the Allies. Admiral de la Gravere, on behalf of the French, had notified the Government that France intends to disregard that provision of the Soledad Treaty which requires the forces of the Allies to be withdrawn to their former positions on the coast before engaging in active hostilities.

The Spanish and English Commissioners were, however, in favor of abiding by the agreement. The Mexicans in the interior were organizing their forces, and making light artillery out of the church bells. Gen. Ortega was at San Luis de Potosi, and Gen. Comonfort at Tampico, busily at work for their country. Nothing is said of Marquez and his followers, probably because of their insignificance.

The news of the Union victories in the West had caused great rejoicing in the City of Mexico, and anticipations that the war would be finished in sixty days were indulged in.

SENATOR HOWARD'S SPEECH.

Senator Howard's speech on Senator Trumbull's Contingent bill to-day is regarded as very able and thorough. He derived the power to confide from the war power, which he argued was recognized to its fullest extent by the framers of the Constitution, who had exercised it before the Convention, in the several States, in the passage of bills confiscating the property, sometimes of tories named by the hundred, and sometimes of disloyal persons.

SLAVEHOLDERS IN THE DISTRICT.

Senator Sumner's resolution, adopted by the Senate to-day, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior to furnish that body with the names of the slaveholders in the District of Columbia, as given in the last census, with the name, number, and age of the slaves held by each, will, in conjunction with the report of the Commissioners under the Emancipation act, shed light on the character of the patriarchal institution, by showing how many patricians have left slaves and all for the Rebel country within the past year, and how many have sold or sent out of the District rather than receive pay for their freedom all their chattels that were worth anything.

FROM YORKTOWN.

A Paymaster just from Yorktown reports our troops as in the best of spirits, and eager for a fight.

INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

The New-York Chamber of Commerce are urging Secretary Chase to raise the rate of interest upon Certificates of Indebtedness.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

The condition of the Treasury now enables the Secretary to direct the payment in cash of all claims of date prior to Nov. 1, 1861, including claims settled by the St. Louis commission, and it is expected the November claims will also be paid in full within a few days. All other claims, without regard to date, will be paid or presented if desired, as heretofore.

Eighty per cent in certificates, and twenty per cent in cash.

The prospect of the passage of a Pacific Railroad bill during the present session of Congress is not promising.

WENDELL PHILLIPS ON SLAVERY AND THE UNION.

The Boston papers of Friday report a speech made by Wendell Phillips, from which we make these extracts:

Mr. FREDERICK STODDARD stated that there had been some error in printing the bill. The Committee had agreed to strike out the "Police Commissioners" and insert "Mayors of the city" in their place. The bill, by some means, had been printed without this important amendment.

Mr. ABBOTT made a similar statement. He was at a loss to understand how so great an error had been committed.

Mr. CORNELL understood the error was attributable to the Clerk of the Committee, who copied the bill.

Mr. FOLGER took the ground that there was no evidence to prove that the bill, as printed, was not the same as agreed on by the Committee. It alterations were to be made, they should be made by the Senate.

Mr. FREDERICK replied that the Committee were positive that the bill was not printed as reported by the Committee. An error of the printer or clerk should not bind the Committee.

Messrs. TRUMAN LOW and HUTCHINSON argued that it was only fair that the bill should be laid before the Senate as reported by the Committee.

Mr. TOBEY argued against going behind the printed bill. The alterations could be made section by section, and the vote of the Senate taken on each.

The question was then put on striking out all in relation to the Police Commissioners. Carried by 14 to 13.

Mr. MURPHY moved to strike out the word "physician" and insert "physicians having diplomas as doctors of medicine." Carried.

Mr. GANSON moved to strike out of the eleventh section all referring to the City Inspector's Department. Lost by 11 to 13.

Mr. GANSON moved to strike out all referring to the Commissioners of Emigration in regard to the Quarantine.

The proceedings were here interrupted by the hour for executive session.

On reopening the doors,

Mr. GANSON withdrew his motion, and moved to amend by providing that no vessels except those having the small-pox, ship fever, or cholera be hereafter subject to quarantine. Carried.

Mr. MURPHY moved, as an amendment, to publish the ordinances in two morning and one afternoon paper having the largest circulation. Lost.

EVENING SESSION.

The report of the Committee on Conference on the Appropriation bill was agreed to.

Mr. TOBEY called up the bill for the enlargement of the canals, so as to permit the passage of gunboats, and it was read a third time and passed—Navy, 31; Navy, 5. The negative votes were by Messrs. Clark, Low, Montgomery, Pruyin, and Sanford.

The following bills were ordered to a third reading:

To appropriate \$50,000 to rebuild the locks of the Champlain Canal.

Relative to Jurors and Commissioner of Jurors in Kings County.

To encourage the investment of small sums in State stocks. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The report of the Grindings Committee, made on Wednesday and Thursday, were called up.

Mr. SCHOFIELD moved to strike out of the report, and recommit, the bill to abolish the office of Canal Appraiser.

Mr. OGDEN spoke at length against the motion and in favor of the provisions of the bill.

After a long debate the motion to recommit was agreed to, which virtually kills the bill for this session.

Mr. SHERWOOD moved to disagree with the report and strike out the enacting clause of the bill to amend the laws relating to the Palmyra estates.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. SMITH moved to strike from the report and recommit the bill to regulate primary elections in New-York.

Mr. CODDINGTON spoke at length in support of the main principles of the bill, reviewing the title to the land, the boundaries, and the survey of the principal roads.

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